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Minutes from Friday September 13, 1996 September 13, 1996
First meeting of the Committee to Eliminate Homophobia and Heterosexism

In attendance; Andrew Winters, Nancy Pirrone, Al Lott, Nicole Martin, Kevin Wilbur, Holly Nichols, Bill Bartels, Heather Liftland, Carolina Tejera Melissa Lovering, Carla Pickering, Lois Cuddy, Greta Cohen, Brie

Meeting begins at 12:10pm

1) Introductions

2) General announcements

3) State of the sub-committees

A. Education: a. speakers, panels, lectures

B. Harrassment

* What is the consensus on the sub-committees? Leave the sub-committees in the lap of the H&H committee?

* Al offered to get the files in order if needed. Lois offered support for the Harrassment Committee.

* It was decided to keep the sub-committees with the concerns of the H&H committee as a whole until further interest.

4) Call for papers. Holly has been across the country putting up "Call for papers" in all gay friendly and gay owned and operated establishments. Holly also gave 'Papers' out at Gay Pride Minnesota, to all groups in resource brochures, and Options. Rosie Pegueros is reaching 'out' on the internet. Suggestions also to put a notice in the Cigar and the Narragansett Times.

5) Holly has come up with eight sub-committees for the Symposium. The sub-committees were set up using information from last years Symposium. Sign up!!

6) Rosie has copied a list of events from the internet concerning visibility. Some ideas include; pink picnic, out on campus (names in the college newspaper of people who are 'out on campus'), movies ect.

7) Al shared an article from the New York Times about Gay America Depicted Through a Gay Lens. This is a TV show that has been received rather well. He has urged us to write to channels 36 and 2 to try and bring it to Rhode Island! He will draft a letter and bring it to the committee to review/sign.

8) Domestic partnership, where are we? What companies are offering domestic partnership? Some thoughts about having a workshop, G.L.A.D. sending someone to speak, film and other speakers on the subject, and a focus campaign for domestic partnership.

* A forum concerning same sex marriage, domestic partnership, and health benefits.

9) Keynote speaker? Maybe we could have a forum of 2 or 3 people discussing same sex marriage and domestic partnership. Lets have a concert or some speakers leading up to the Symposium!!

* Andrew suggested that this committee support a concrete goal to submit to the University and President Carothers, i.e. a policy at the University for domestic partnership.

Adjourned at 1:00pm Peace OUT